

## PORTSMOUTH LOCAL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

## ALL ABOUT THAT SPANISH SHIP

The Reina Mercedes the Subject of Discussion Among Doctors

## DR. FRANKHOPE'S OPINION

He Says She is Free of Disease While the Board of Health of Norfolk Protests Against Her Coming to This Yard—Dr. Hope Says That if the Ship is Sent Away the Responsibility Must Be Placed Where it Rightfully Belongs.

The protest of the Board of Health of Norfolk against the Reina Mercedes coming to this yard was a matter of lengthy discussion in the office of Dr. F. S. Hope, the quarantine officer of this port, when the following resolution was presented to him yesterday afternoon, said resolution being passed by the Norfolk Board of Health Wednesday afternoon.

## HERE ARE THE RESOLUTIONS.

Rooms Board of Health, )  
Norfolk, Va., May 25, 1899.)  
Dr. F. S. Hope, Quarantine Officer of Port of Norfolk, Va.:

Dear Sir—The Board of Health has learned through the daily papers that the Reina Mercedes will probably be ordered to the Gosport Navy-yard to be remodeled. Cognizant of the fact that the Reina Mercedes has been a Spanish transport, much used in the tropics, the board feels that it is its duty to emphatically protest against this work being done before frost.

Respectfully,  
J. J. McCORMICK,

Secretary Board of Health, Norfolk.

## DR. NEWELL PRESENTS THEM.

This protest was brought to Dr. F. S. Hope yesterday afternoon by Dr. Newell, president of the Board of Health; J. J. McCormick, secretary, and Mr. H. H. Jones, president of the Business Men's Association of Norfolk, who handed the resolution to Dr. Hope, who said: "This is no surprise to me, gentlemen, as I knew of your action last night."

Mr. McCormick replied: "No one has seen this resolution; then who could have told you?"

The gentlemen then left. After their departure Dr. Hope said that the action of the Board of Health of Norfolk was not in accordance with the opinions of Surgeon General Wyman or Dr. Pettis, both of whom had given her a clean bill of health, to which he had added his official permission for her to come to this yard, and notwithstanding the emphatic protest of the Board of Health of Norfolk, he will on Saturday bring the ship up to the yard.

But if it should be the consensus of opinion of the conference—for invitations have been issued to attend a meeting to be held in Norfolk to-day at 12 o'clock—that the conjectures of the Board of Health of Norfolk is right, then he would take her to the yard and hold her in quarantine until such time as the government should see fit to remove her. The following gentlemen will compose the conference:

## REPRESENTATIVE MEN CALLED.

B. F. Crowell, agent Old Dominion Steamship Company, Norfolk, Va.; J. W. McCarrick, agent Clyde Line, Norfolk, Va.; B. P. Loyall, secretary and treasurer of Harbor Commissioners; Dr. C. F. Newbill, president of Board of Health, Norfolk; C. C. Williams, president of Central Club of Virginia; Dr. L. C. Shepherd, Health Officer of Norfolk; Brooks Johnston, Mayor of Norfolk; W. N. Portlock, Judge of Norfolk County Court; A. S. Watts, Judge Hustings Court, Portsmouth; Wm. H. Peters, Quarantine Commissioner; Dr. Joseph Grace, president Board of Health Portsmouth, Va.; John J. King, president City Council, Portsmouth, Va.; Hon. J. T. Baird, Mayor of Portsmouth; W. H. Mayo, president Harbor Commissioners of Norfolk; Dr. F. S. Hope, president Typographical Union of Norfolk; J. F. East, president Common Council of the city of Norfolk; P. Greenwood, president of the Select Council of the City of Norfolk; A. R. Hancock, Judge of Court, Norfolk; R. R. Prentiss, Judge of Circuit Court; W. B. Martin, Judge of Court, Norfolk; Dr. Southgate Leigh, Norfolk; Dr. Lomax Gwathmey, president Medical Association of Norfolk; M. C. Keating, president Council, Berkeley; Dr. F. Morgan, Health Officer, Berkeley; Russell A. McCoy, Mayor of Berkeley; G. Hutton, president Board of Trade, Portsmouth; Dr. F. S. Hope, Quarantine Officer Port of Norfolk; Dr. Alex. Hutton, assistant quarantine officer of the port; Dr. Charles Parrish, assistant quarantine officer of the port; John B. Whitehead, C. Phillips, Joseph H. Allen, Charles Elliott, W. H. Wales, Col. H. Hodges, R. A. Dobie, Sylvanus Stokes and R. H. Jones, citizens of Norfolk.

## DR. HOPE TALKS PLAIN.

Doctor Hope expressed great astonishment that the Board of Health of Norfolk, which, by its action, puts itself on record as being opposed to the Reina Mercedes coming to this navy yard for repairs, should wait until the very last moment to enter its protest against bringing the vessel into the inner harbor. And, what astonishes me still more, said Dr. Hope, is the fact of the action of the board before conferring with the quarantine authorities.

"Wouldn't it hurt this yard, Doctor?" was the query put.

"Most assuredly it would. It would give it such a black eye that it would require a great length of time to ever regain the position it now holds. But, let me say this: It is not solely a question of bringing this ship here for repairs; the safety of the people is of the most vital importance, and to that end I look first. I have given the question of bringing the Reina Mercedes to this yard mature thought and deliberation, and so thoroughly convinced am I that there is absolutely no danger to our people in bringing the ship up here that I have notified Admiral Farquhar, the commandant of this naval station, that I would not stand in the way of the vessel coming to this yard, as there was not the least danger to be apprehended by reason of her presence in our midst.

The fact that the Mercedes has been

under water for eight months, has never been infected, has been only recently raised and must absolutely clean by the Marine Hospital authorities; that she has been eight days in transit and five days in lower quarantine, where she has been thoroughly disinfected, under the direction of marine hospital experts, whom I met at Old Point, is, I should think, sufficient to convince the Norfolk authorities of the absence of danger.

## THUS DOUBLY ASSURED.

"We have the assurance of Drs. Wyman and Pettis, of the Marine Hospital Service," continued Dr. Hope, "that there is absolutely no chance of contagion from the Mercedes, and acting upon these assurances, I have gone on in my official capacity as quarantine officer of the port and cleared the way for the Reina Mercedes to come to this yard."

"I sent one vessel away from here because I thought it would be positively dangerous to have her torn to pieces at this yard. That vessel was the Nictheroy. But there is as much difference between the condition of the two ships as there is between night and day. One is absolutely clean to start with, while the other had been in a fever infected port for four years, without any attention being paid to her sanitary condition, not even her bilges being cleaned, and the fifth which had accumulated about her in a section of the world which breeds these dangerous germs of disease being so abundant, I did not care to assume the risk which I thought would follow the cleaning out of the ship at this port, hence I used my best judgment and acted as I thought best for the interests of all the people.

"Now I believe the Mercedes is free of all germs and that there is not the least danger in her, and I want to say right here, and that very plainly, that if that ship is sent away from this yard I want the responsibility placed just where it belongs."

## CHASING SPECTRES.

Dr. Hope said further that he fully appreciated the fact that with our people the recollection of 1855 was yet a most vivid impression with them. But while that memorable visitation was a sad reality, yet there was no possibility of a recurrence of it by reason of such a clean vessel as he believed the Mercedes to be coming to this yard. Some people, said he, are spectre chasers, going after the shadows of what has been, or what he under conditions different from those now confronting us. And so far as he was concerned, occupying the official position he does, he would rather look the situation straight in the face, preferring to take hold of the tangible rather than grasp at the shadow being followed by spectre hunters.

## DR. HOPE'S OPINION SUSTAINED.

The following in reference to the action of the Navy Department relative to this ship was sent to the Baltimore Sun from Washington, corroborates Dr. F. S. Hope's opinion:

"The Navy Department is making ready to receive the former Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes at the Norfolk navy yard. If it can succeed in allaying the apprehensions of the people of Norfolk as to the safety of the movement, there has been some telegraphic correspondence between the Navy Department and Admiral Farquhar, commanding at the Norfolk navy yard, respecting the admission of the ship to the navy yard."

"Surgeon General Van Rye has given the matter his personal attention. He says that the Mercedes has been under water since early last July, that there never was fever on the vessel, and finally, that there is no fever at Santiago, whence it came. He has accordingly recommended to Assistant Secretary Allen, who is directly in charge of the repairs of ships, that the right plan be carried out and the Mercedes be brought to the Portsmouth navy yard."

"Surgeon General Wyman, of the Marine Hospital Service, was first consulted by Surgeon General Van Rye, inasmuch as he is in charge of the national quarantine service at Norfolk. He declared there would be no danger in adopting this course, particularly as he would undertake to have the Mercedes thoroughly disinfected and cleaned."

"The Navy Department has not yet received the application of the New York Board of Aldermen to have the ship sent to New York, but unless the Norfolk authorities interfere, the Mercedes will not be sent North before it is repaired. A board of inspection will be appointed to survey the ship and estimate the cost of putting it in thorough repair."

## WHAT CAPTAIN McALLA SAYS.

The question of having the Reina Mercedes moored along a pier at this navy yard, and the protest thereto, seemed to have reached the navy yard yesterday; at any rate something caused Captain McAlla to say in a manner most emphatic yesterday that he had received orders from the Navy Department to move the ship to her home, and that under no consideration would she be sent away from this yard.

## THE "DEVIL" IS IN PRISON.

Yesterday afternoon Wm. Bailey, a noted thief, commonly called the "Devil," met a green negro man who had been cooking in the navy-yard just long enough to receive his first pay. Some words passed between the "Devil" and the strange darkey, who had a ten dollar note in his hand looking at it. Bailey saw an opportunity to get in some of his crooked work, and while the old man, unsuspecting that there was any danger of losing his money, turned his head to look at something that the "Devil" had called his attention to, the "Devil" grabbed the bill and ran. The old man was right fleet of foot and kept up with him until he came up with Officer Hutchins, to whom he quickly related his story.

The two continued to chase the "Devil" until they finally ran him down; but not before all three were pretty well exhausted. He was carried to jail and this morning will have an interview with Mayor Baird, to whom he will tell his little tale of woe.

## OLDEST IN THE STATE.

The Portsmouth Rifles, of this city, is beyond all doubt the oldest military organization in the State of Virginia. It was organized October 19, 1792, making its years old next October, which is a year and several months longer than the history of any other military command in the State, and it ranks high among the oldest in America, the next to it in point of age being the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, 100 years old, and Captain E. W. Owens expects very shortly to have his company in good shape, he having been informed that the Military Board had met yesterday to consider matters pertaining to the reorganization of the militia of the State.

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## CHRONICLES OF INTEREST

Portsmouth, The Beautiful City By the Sea.

## FOUND HERE AND THERE

The Latest Happenings in the City and County Presented in Concise Form For the Edification of Virginian-Pilot Readers Here and Elsewhere—Gossip For People Who Desire to Keep Posted.

Two men had a row over politics yesterday on the corner of Griffin and Chestnut streets. One of the men cut the other quite badly with a knife. Neither of the parties were arrested. Mr. Edward Goodson will shortly build a residence for himself on Effingham street, near Bart.

A picnic from Berkley will go to Delaware Park to-day.

The colored people have chartered a train, and will run an excursion to Delaware Park on Federal Memorial, Tuesday next.

A party of ladies and gentlemen drove out in the county last night and had a fine time picking strawberries by moonlight.

There was a general row at the speaking, corner of Godwin and High streets, Tuesday night. One wing of the party accuses the other wing with having paid a number of colored people to break up the meeting by getting drunk and creating a row.

The arrival of the Reina Mercedes on Saturday will be greeted by a large crowd, who will line the wharves, &c., to see her when she comes in. Miss Martha Gilbertson, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting friends in the city for several days, returned to her home yesterday.

There was but few people around the county clerk's office yesterday. It being election day, no one came in from the county.

The party charged with obstructing the street in yesterday's issue was fined \$1 by Mayor Baird.

Mingo Goodson was yesterday fined \$2 by Mayor Baird for disorderly conduct.

Mr. L. M. Land, a merchant from Norfolk, was fined \$20 yesterday by Mayor Baird for doing business in this city without a license.

The case of a gentleman and wife, charged with whipping a man, was continued until Monday next.

The Virginian-Pilot acknowledges courtesies extended the office by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The ladies connected with the Park View Baptist Church have chartered the steamer Aurora, and will give an excursion to-morrow morning to Old Point. They will accompany the Reina Mercedes up the harbor.

The cool spell is broken—we are promised much warm weather for the balance of the week.

A large number of people from this side of the river went over to Norfolk yesterday to take part in the Norfolk Memorial exercises.

A gentleman on a bicycle was run into on the corner of Court and North streets yesterday by a wagon. His wheel was badly broken, and the rider had a narrow escape from having a broken leg.

The Rev. Charles A. G. Thomas, a native of this city, but now a resident of North Carolina, with a charge at Fayetteville, passed through here yesterday en route home from the late Baptist convention.

The silver bouquet holder advertised as lost in these columns has been found and returned to the Independent engine house.

The St. Pauls beat the Rubber Neck yesterday in a game of ball by a score of 4 to 0. Batteries—T. Callan and Sullivan; Richards and Gallagher.

Mrs. H. H. Farrell, of Hobsons, Va., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Hubbard, at Pinner's Point.

Mr. John A. Morris returned yesterday morning from a business trip to Baltimore.

Sixty-two thousand dollars was paid out yesterday to the men in the construction department. There are 2,233 men employed in the navy yard.

An order has been placed in the construction department of the navy yard for a main topsail yard for the training ship Alliance.

Mr. Robert Lisle, Pay Inspector, U. S. N., reported for duty as general store-keeper at the navy yard yesterday.

The U. S. S. Essex received a salute as she came up to the yard from the Roads yesterday.

Doctor Alonzo Billosly is in New York on business. He will return to-morrow.

The Seaboard Air Line is having a nice fence put around Cook's wharf. The lumber is recently purchased by them. The lumber is being received as rapidly as possible. No one can as yet tell what will be done with this property.

The ferry boats were decorated in flags, which were placed at half mast, yesterday, in honor of Norfolk's Memorial day.

Book canvassers are advertised for in to-day's issue. See ad., apply as directed and secure a position.

There was a meeting held at the Board of Trade rooms Wednesday night to discuss matters pertaining to some insurance societies that are considered weak.

Mr. John W. Tatem, driver of the Portsmouth Hook and Ladder Company, had the misfortune last night to lose the handsome gold badge recently presented to him by the company. See ad.

The Rev. Dr. W. F. Fisher returned home late last night from the Southern Baptist Convention. He is much pleased with his trip.

The City of Portsmouth broke down last night and had to be taken off the line for repairs. She will probably be all right by this morning. The Norfolk was put in her place.

Three colored women from Norfolk came over in a dayton yesterday, got full of whiskey and last night tried to take the town. Officer Hoofnagle took them in and carried them to the station house. One of the women showed fight and tore the officer's clothes, but he soon brought her to her senses.

## DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY.

This afternoon and evening the Portsmouth Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will have an entertainment at

Port Norfolk, for all, from 4 o'clock until 10.

The beautiful lawns, the lovely water views, the fresh spring season, bring place and time most opportunely together for pleasure, as well as good results, for the noble cause.

Hotel Vernon, tastefully decorated, will be headquarters, where ice-cream and other refreshments may be found. The fancy dress dances by Miss McCoy's school will present a scene in the pavilion like a fairy bower.

There will be boating and fishing on the river, and a rainbow chase on the green lawns by hundreds of children. The humorous cake-walk will be there, too; and, to crown all these entertainments, the Seaboard Air Line band will give delightful concerts. Dancing at night.

Don't fail to buy the street-car tickets issued by the Daughters of the Confederacy. Ask conductors for them.

## OTHER PORTSMOUTH LOCAL ON PAGE 11.

LOST—A GOLD FIREMAN'S BADGE, with name "John W. Tatem" thereon. Return to Hook and Ladder House and get reward. my25-3t.

WANTED.—GOOD BOOK CANVASSEERS can find employment by addressing MANAGER, Portsmouth office of The Virginian-Pilot; commissions large. my25-3t.

FURNISHED ROOM, WITH BOARD, for one or two young men, excellent location; easy reach of ferry; terms reasonable. Private family. References exchanged. Apply by letter, giving address, "PRIVATE," this office. my25-4t.

STRAYED—TO MY FARM, A BLACK horse with a big scar on his right side. Prove property, pay charges, J. C. V. COOKE, South street extended. my25-3t.

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If you want good Fish and Crabs Pearson's is the place to go and you can get them at short notice. All kinds of lunches served.

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## FOR RENT.

Three-story Warehouse, No. 610 Crawford street; excellent location for a grocery, notion, hardware or commission house; rent, \$25 per month.

JNO. L. WATSON,  
209 High street, Portsmouth, Va.

## DISSOLUTION.

The firm of J. M. C. DUKE & CO. has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. G. S. PHILLIPSON having retired from the firm. Mr. Duke assumes all liabilities and will collect all claims due said firm. J. M. C. DUKE, G. S. PHILLIPSON, my25-3t.

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Waists, 40c.

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| 64c.   | \$4.98   | \$1.98  |
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